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THE CHARLESTON TRAGEDY

Those people who criticised Governor Manning for sending troops to Charleston to preserve order during the recent primary have another guess coming. As soon as the election is over, and the troops gone, and when the members of the democratic executive committee meet to declare the result of the election they are attacked by an armed body of men, evidently acting in concert, in which body is the chief of police and other officers, and an effort made to murder the committee-men, and steal the election boxes.

There will be charge and counter-charge, but the fact remains that Major Hyde was elected on the face of the returns; he had a majority of the committee friendly to him, and he had no cause to fear that he would not be declared elected, if he were really elected. Therefore, his friends were only interested in declaring the result of the election. It becomes evident, therefore, that somebody else with an axe or axes to grind was responsible for the disgraceful attack on the democratic executive committee, and the death of young Cohen.

Only when guarded by troops did the members of the committee dare perform their duty and declare the result. But the right to shoot and kill, to steal elections, and laugh at the law generally, is but the outcome of twenty years of antagonism to law and right and of the law's defiance.

Charleston sowed the wind, and is reaping the whirlwind.

CONGESTED DOCKETS.

The manner in which the business of the court has been handled in Abbeville during the past week is evidence that cases can be tried in the courts and disposed of if lawyers and litigants are ready for trial. There has not been a time in ten years to our recollection when a man could not get his case tried at any term of court for which the case was properly docketed. By Wednesday night some twenty cases will have been disposed of by Judge Willcox, and every case on the docket ready for trial will have been tried.

And the same would be true in other counties if lawyers were anxious to try their cases, and if the judges forced the issue. Fortunately for Abbeville, it has never been the custom of members of this bar to try to put off cases on frivolous excuses. They have handled the business of the courts as if they were employed to try cases and end litigation; and this is the only way that litigation should be handled. If all the lawyers of the state had the same idea as to dispensing justice, the dockets in most other counties would be cleared of all cases at every term of the court, and the ends of justice would not be obstructed.

But the lawyers are not alone to blame. The judges of the state should non-suit a man who fails to have his case tried at the third term of the court after it is docketed, unless, as the lawyers put it, he is prevented from trying his case by the act of God, the public enemy or unavoidable accident.

SEE DOTE.

Elsewhere in this issue is a letter from our friend, Dote, who will attend the county fair as one of the invited guests. Dote is anxious for all of his friends to be on hand on that occasion. Being a man who looks ahead he knows that something good awaits the people who attend the fair.

You will find him in company with Will Magill and J. L. McMillan while the football games are in progress, and at other times you will find him inspecting the fine exhibits which our farmers are showing.

When the gates to the fair ground close, he will be busy in our progressive and up-to-date stores buying goods advertised in this issue.

He will ride a mule in the races on the last day of the fair, if nothing prevents. Come and see him.

CAPTURE TRAWLERS.

London, Oct. 15.—That 24 German trawlers have been captured and taken into Grimsby since Sept. 15 is disclosed in an official statement printed in the London Gazette to-night.

THE COUNTY FAIR

On November 3rd, 4th and 5th, the annual County Fair will be held in this city at the fair grounds. The fair is an institution for the county and not for the city, and the fair will be a success accordingly as the people for the county patronize it. As the county seat of the county, and as the center of the population, so to speak, it is the duty of the people of the city to see to making all necessary arrangements, providing the premium list, and procuring the exhibits and attractions. This the County Fair Association has done. The people have responded to the requests of the committees as never before, and the city of Abbeville is prepared to do and is doing more than ever to make this fair a success.

Agricultural Exhibits.

Great good can come to the people of the county from the agricultural exhibits by farmers and others. We are an agricultural people; those who are not directly engaged in the pursuit are to a great extent dependent upon it for a livelihood. Therefore, whatever is of benefit to the agricultural interests of the county helps us. Now men improve in any calling by studying the methods and appropriating the knowledge which others have gained. We will have a farmer here with crops raised on a certain kind of land which he has farmed or fertilized on a given plan. A man from another part of the county has the same kind of land; he is interested in knowing the plan and seeing and hearing of the results. A man from another section has made a success by planting a certain kind of corn, or cotton or grain. His brother farmers from another section may need to know this or that species of corn or cotton, and the manner of raising it.

A Place To Learn.

The county fair is the place selected for all these farmers to come together, exhibit their productions, compare notes and thus to be of mutual assistance to each other in furthering the interests of the men of their calling. There are in Abbeville county many young men who in recent years have made great advances in methods of farming; the number of these young men, we are glad to say, is constantly growing; but there is something for these to learn, and then there is an army of farmers in the county who have farmed for years, with more or less success, but who still should know of modern methods. The county fair is the place to learn of these methods of farming. Your brother farmer will be here; he has something to tell you; and you know something which you can tell him. Therefore, you owe yourself and him the duty—a double duty—of being here to make the fair a success.

Diversification.

Last fall on account of the low price of cotton a great many farmers were on the verge of bankruptcy, and they were looking to methods of farming to extricate themselves from that condition. The past year has been one of crop diversification in Abbeville county. One farmer has met with one success and another with another, in thus diversifying the crops. The people of the county have learned the lesson we hope that it pays to diversify, and the prudent farmer will continue to practice that plan; but he wants to know the results of other farmers along this line. You may know what he wants to know about planting grain, vetch, alfalfa or some other crop; or he may know something which you should know along these lines. Let us all get together and learn these things at the county fair. Prosperity will not always be here. The people must prepare to fight panics with diversified crops, you may learn how at the fair.

Stock Raising.

With the low price of cotton last year came a renewed interest in stock-raising in the county. Many farmers have purchased beef cattle and during the past year have been pasturing these cattle, and are now in a position to give their neighbors valuable information on the subject of beef cattle. The Western part of Virginia is given over mostly to stock-raising, and in that section the farmers are growing fabulously wealthy in pasturing their lands and raising nothing but cattle for the market. A gentleman from that section, who was interested in that subject at Clemson College a few years ago stated to the writer that the Piedmont section of this state was the greatest stock-raising section he had ever seen; that it was better than Virginia for a number of reasons, one of which was the shorter winters and longer grazing periods. If this is a cattle raising section of the country, and if the people of this section can raise cattle as they do in Virginia, you should know it; and we all should know it; and we should reap some rewards from our pasture lands.

Hog and Hominy.

There is always something to know about raising corn. The farmers of this county have sent enough money out of the county for corn, money which might have remained in their pockets, because the farmers of this county can raise all necessary corn for farm purposes. The Corn Club Boys and the corn-raisers of the county will be here with their exhibits. There is a store of knowledge which you need, and which you can get by coming to the county fair.

Hogs cannot be raised without corn. There are many things perhaps which will fatten hogs. Some people fatten them on peas, in some places they are fed on pinders, and some people look to acorns and hickory nuts to fatten the hogs; but a good farmer knows that it takes corn along with these things to make meat. For that reason, the farmers of the county should raise plenty of corn. It can be raised, we are told, as profitably as cotton; if so why pay the freight on cotton to carry it to market for sale; and then pay the freight on corn to bring it to your market. The people of the county have nothing against the transportation companies but they should not farm to furnish these companies something to do.

Meet Your Friends.

But this is not the whole purpose of the fair. It is here we all meet at the close as it were of a year's labors, to talk over the trials and tribulations of a year's existence, to comfort each other, when in need of comfort, and to rejoice with those who rejoice. Last year the people of the county were blue and distressed and despondent. This year is the year of the harvest jubilee. The farmers of the county have provided all the necessities of life at home; they have raised cotton as a money crop; they have lived economically, as we all have, and on November 3rd, all crops will have been gathered and stored away. By that time it will have been found that we have reaped an abundant harvest; that the people of the county have paid their debts; that there is money in the bank; that there is flour in the barrel, and meat in the smoke-house. Nobody will have anything to do but smile.

So let the people of the county gather together a sone big family; let the school children come and see each other; let the teachers come; let the farmer and wage-earner; the artisan and the professional man; the politician and all the dear people get together for three days of enjoyment, when work being laid aside; an dthanking our Maker only for the good things which have com to us, let us forget the past, with its troubles and trials and pains and sorrows, and let us join hands rub up against neighbors and friends, love each other, and have a good time.

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Remember the Dates---Nov. 3-4-5
and Don't Forget the Ladies' Store

Mrs. Jas. S. Cochran